

EVENING BUDGET  
FIRE BULLETIN NO. I  
Dec. 8, 1922.

The work of reconstruction has begun. On the ashes of the old Astoria a new Astoria will rise. But it's a big job and it needs stout hearts, strong wills and willinghands, and we have them all.

With the conflagration still raging, the work of organizing for relief work and to put in effect the first measures necessary to meet the emergency was begun.

Relief headquarters were opened before noon in the Y M C A building which was one of the few to escape the flames. With an impromptu committee headed by Rev. W. S. Gilbert of the Presbyterian church and composed of numbers of other prominent citizens, machinery was at once put into motion to provide food and shelter for the homeless and relief for all those in need of it.

Mayor Bremner before 11 o'clock had sent out the call for a general mass meeting of business men at the city hall, another of the few buildings spared, for 2 o'clock. At 1 a meeting of the emergency committee was held at the Y and determined upon a course of action but, before announcing anything to the public, wishes to submit its decisions to the mayor's mass meeting in order that there may be no conflict.

#### Seaside Opens Homes

A delegation of Seaside residents were over early to notify the relief committee that the Seaside Hotel is being opened and will offer shelter for all those in Astoria who are homeless. A free bus will leave the Y M C A building and all those wishing to go to Seaside are requested to call at the Y.

Portland was on the job early with offers of help. Not only was fire apparatus dispatched down here, but the Chamber of Commerce loaded trucks with provisions and started them down the highway. The state hotel association authorized an appropriation of \$5000 for relief work and other contributions are being sent to the mayor.

#### Budget Bulletins

The Budget, like almost every other business institution, suffered the loss of its plant but it opened offices in the Y M C A early in the afternoon and will issue mimeograph bulletins from time to time simply as a means of keeping the public informed of what is going on, what measures are being put into effect, what co-operation is expected from the general public.

#### Insurance is O K

To relieve the anxiety of many people whose insurance policies were lost in the fires, J. T. Allen, insurance man, announces that all policies will be effective regardless of whether or not they were saved from the flames. G. C. Pauling makes a similar announcement, and says no one should worry.

#### Norris Staples Dead

Adding to the tragedy of the occasion was the sudden death from heart failure of Norris Staples, president of the Bank of Commerce and of the Staples Motor Co. He was helping push one of his automobiles along the street to the zone of safety when he suddenly fell forward on the pavement. His son and Lloyd Van Dusen, who were assisting him, immediately secured Dr. Waffle but Mr. Staples expired within a few minutes.

Reports that W. H. Fellman and Brenham Van Dusen died are unfounded. The report that Mel Callendar suffered the loss of an ear is likewise untrue. A man suffered a broken leg from being struck by a plank during the blasting. The body of a suicide was found hanging by the neck on the Sanborn docks but his identity has not been established.

Watch for future bulletins.

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At the mass meeting called by the mayor at 2 o'clock, the general welfare relief committee, already named by the various welfare organizations and churches, was continued as a permanent committee with Rev. W. S. Gilbert as chairman. Upon authority voted him, he increased his committee to 50 and will add as many more as desired. A meeting of this committee will be held at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning at the city hall to take further action.

#### Headquarters

The Y. M. C. A. will continue to be headquarters for the committee and all inquiries should be taken there. Also all applications for relief and all donations and contributions will be received there.

#### Banking Bureau

The front room of the Y will be banking headquarters presided over by a bankers' bureau, C. R. Higgins, chairman. This committee will O. K. applications for credit at wholesale houses and other places of supply. No money being available, checks cannot be cashed, but these credit credentials from the banking committee will be accepted as trade exchanges.

#### Relief Supplies

E. B. Hughes is chairman of a committee for distribution of supplies and will attend to all wants of the needy. He has been given authority to draw on relief funds to purchase any supplies needed. C. A. Murphy will assist him.

#### Clothing Supplies

Grace Williams, secretary of the Y. W., is head of a committee to supply clothing to those needing it and Eileen Walker, county nurse, will have charge of issuing all requisitions for supplies.

#### Many Relief Offers

Offers of relief are pouring in. The Red Cross of Portland dispatched a carload of supplies on a special train at 2 this afternoon. The western branch of the Red Cross at San Francisco has authorized an investigation and stands ready to supply any assistance needed. Portland has deluged Astoria with offers of any relief needed and Mayor Baker is enroute here to conduct a personal investigation. President Waterhouse of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce wired an offer of sympathy and any needed assistance.

W. P. O'Brien of the Astoria Box Co., has donated 300 cords of spruce wood and Austin Osburn has donated a carload. C. W. Halderman has contributed wood and the use of his trucks. The S. F. & S. has offered its depot and coaches for temporary housing and stands ready to haul all homeless people to Seaside where the hotel and cottages are ready for occupancy.

H. R. Hoefer has opened his big home as a temporary hospital and the high school is being used by the Sisters of St. Mary's Hospital temporarily for the accommodation of patients.

E. Kankkonen announces that the Wilson shipyards will be open for the storage of automobiles, and he has three living rooms and a mess house where stoves can be set up.

E. Barker of the CRPA has placed the ships St. Nicholas and Reuce at the disposal of the committee for use in accommodating homeless.

The Dixie Baking Co of Portland has sent a truck load of bread down for distribution and Mr. Haynes of that company is here personally to give aid. He went through the San Francisco fire.

The Hammond Lumber Co has placed the Halco hotel at the disposal of the committee for housing and storage purposes.

Sherman Lovell announces that the Lovell garage, which escaped the fire, will be available for a receiving and distributing depot.



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Fire Area Patrolled

Chief of Police Carlson has 100 special deputies encircling the fire area and forbids any person to go near the burned over territory. This is a protection to those who have valuables in the ruins.

Sternest measures will be used against any person apprehended stealing or committing other lawlessness.

All soft drink parlors have been ordered closed by the police after nightfall.

Nurses Wanted

Miss Walker, county health nurse, asks that all married nurses report to her at the Y M C A this evening if possible, nurse needed for tonight.

Train Schedule

Trains for Portland leave the depot on schedule time and will leave for Seaside on schedule time from the port docks.

Stages for Seaside leave Arlington Hotel on 11th. Seaside hotel is open to homeless free of charge.

Business Men's Meeting

Acting President Drake of the Chamber of Commerce has called a meeting of all persons whose businesses were burned out at the court house at 9 in the morning to discuss plans for building a bigger, better and more beautiful Astoria. Let's Go.

State headquarters of the American Legion in Portland have wired Commander Murphey of the local post asking what they can do for us.

The W C T U has charge of serving free lunches in the basement of the Y M C A.

All churches and schools have been opened up to the public for whatever uses necessary.

Seaside Mayor Offers Aid.

Mayor E. N. Hurd, of Seaside, who was included among the many scores of people from the beach city who came to Astoria this morning during the fire, stated that his community stands ready to offer the homeless people and other victims of the fire every assistance possible. Similar assistance has been proffered by Mayor Frank Warren, of Warrenton.



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Hospital Patients Removed Safely.

One of the greatest tasks in connection with the fire this morning but one which was successfully and quickly accomplished, was the removal to safety in temporary wards at the Astoria High School building of approximately 100 patients, many of them cripples.

All men and women patients in the hospital were carried from the big four-story structure at Sixteenth and Commercial streets and in ambulances and private cars, conveyed to the high school where members of the medical fraternity of this city administered to their comfort, materially assisting the Sisters of St. Marys to make their wards comfortable in the improvised quarters. Plans for the future care of the sick people are being worked out.

Bread Comes from Portland.

More than 200 loaves of bread from the Dixie Baking Company of Portland arrived in the city on the noon train. Approximately 2000 loaves will come in on the trains reaching here at 5 o'clock and 10:20 o'clock this evening, it was announced by H. H. Haynes and C. E. Foster, owners of the local Dixie bakery burned this morning, who arrived in Astoria at noon in response to a message telling them of the holocaust here, sent them by Robert F. Moore, manager of the local bakery. This bread is being distributed this afternoon to the stores that remain standing including the Chinese stores on Bond Street, Kellys at 17th and Commercial and others where it may be obtained.

List Your Spare Rooms.

Many rooms will be needed by the General Relief Committee to house the local citizens whose homes and apartments were destroyed. If you will have a spare room for one day, several days, a week or a month, please list it at once at the headquarters of the committee at the Y M C A, corner 12th and Exchange Streets. Those men or women who will volunteer their services in the relief work are asked to report.

ARE WE DOWNHEARTED? NO - O !

117 Newell Street  
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Editor  
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Dear Sir,

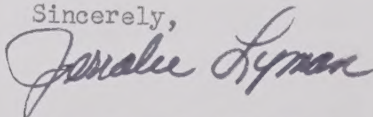
Recently I was sorting through some papers belonging to my late grandfather, Lee Drake, and came across the enclosed bulletins. At the time of the Astoria fire, he was a partner in the Evening Budget and President of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce.

I would like to give these bulletins to the historical group that maintains the Flavel House but have no idea how to reach them.

I would appreciate it very much if you could see that these papers get to them. My grandfather often spoke of the fire and expressed great pride in the community spirit that enabled the town to weather the disaster. These bulletins reflect this spirit and I feel that they should belong to the local museum.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Jerralee Drake Lyman